

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention as disclosed in the written description. In particular, claims 2-6, 9-13, 16-18, 20 and 21 have been cancelled (claims 7 and 14 having previously been cancelled). In addition, claims 1, 8, 15 and 19 have been amended for clarity.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6, 8-13 and 15-21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0093790 to Logan et al. in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0156875 to Pabla.

Logan et al. relates to audio and video program reception, storage, editing, recording and playback systems and more particularly to methods and apparatus for distributing, recording, organizing and editing metadata that is used to selectively distribute, record, organize, edit and play program content (par. [0004]). Logan et al. discusses methods and apparatus for selectively reproducing recorded video program segments retrieved from a mass storage device under the control of playlist metadata which identifies a selected set of the stored segments and the ordered sequence in which those segments are to be reproduced in the absence of an intervening control command from the viewer. The playlist metadata includes a text description of each segment in the sequence. In response to a request from the viewer, a segment guide listing containing the text description of each segment is displayed with the text description of the currently playing

segment being visually identified on the list. Control means operated by the viewer permit the viewer to choose a different segment to be viewed by selecting the text description of that segment on the displayed index listing (par. [0007]; par. [0043])).

At the client receiver, the metadata is used to identify particular program segments that may then be manipulated in one or more of a variety of ways (par. [0017]; par. [0046]; par. [0052])). Special markup signals may be selectively sent to individual subscribers based on his or her indicated preferences so that only preferred program segments are identified and processed (par. [0021])).

Logan et al. addresses the creation and use of metadata for describing and manipulating programming content of the type typically broadcast for public consumption by radio and television broadcast stations; disseminated by cable and satellite systems and, more recently, via the Internet; or published for general consumption on data storage media, such as DVD disks (par. [0062])). Metadata created by users may be shared directly between users. When shareable metadata exists at a user location, it may be "registered" by supplying its resource address (such as an Internet URL) to the remote location which then relays the URL to other users who directly access the descriptive metadata from the other user's metadata storage 133 in a peer-to-peer transfer. In this form, the remote facility shown in FIG. 1 operates as a registry or directory that permits users to share descriptive metadata about

broadcast programming with one another on a community basis (par. [0092])).

The Pabla publication discloses a peer group name server which, according to the Examiner, "discloses the concept with peers forming groups and having the peer group name registered within a server. The requester can look up a peer group name and/or the peer group identifier from the server, which can also contain information regarding all the individual peers within the group and other services and contents (e.g. Pabia: paragraph [0060])."

Applicants submit that neither Logan et al. nor Pabla disclose or suggest the limitations "deriving the specific identifier from a further identifier representative of the content broadcast" and "wherein the further identifier comprises a TV-anytime Content Reference Identifier".

Applicants therefore believe that the subject invention, as claimed, is not rendered obvious by the prior art, and as such, is patentable thereover.

Applicants believe that this application, containing claims 1, 8, 15 and 19, is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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